III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

- 1. (Currently amended) Method for controlling a system, especially an electrical and/or electronic system comprising at least one application device, in which
- control information is input by a user independently from a permanently predetermined menu structure;
- <u>the</u> control information input is interpreted in accordance with available application devices <u>by checking whether the</u> control information is known, unambiguous and complete; and
- an application device is controlled in accordance with the result of the interpretation.
- 2. (Currently amended) Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the control information specified by a user is <u>signalled</u> <u>signaled</u> back to the user as announcement or indication for the purpose of acknowledgement.
- 3. (Currently amended) Method according to Claim 2, characterized in that control information input which allows a number of possibilities for its interpretation is signalled signaled back as selection list.
- 4. (Currently amended) Method according to Claim 2, characterized in that control information input which cannot be reliably interpreted is correspondingly marked in the \underline{a} return signalling signaling.
- 5. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that a check is made whether the control information is complete in order to be able to execute a

requested action, and that the user is requested to complete the control information if this is not the case.

- 6. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the control information input as keyword or keywords is compared with stored keywords for the purpose of interpretation.
- 7. (Original) Method according to Claim 6, characterized in that the available application devices, control instructions and control parameters are stored as keywords as control information.
- 8. (Original) Method according to Claim 7, characterized in that the control parameters are stored as lists.
- 9. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 7, characterized in that control instructions are stored as data records together with dummy codes for the application devices affected and the control parameters needed in each case to execute the instructions.